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In my opinion the best way to settle this case is to get cash donations instead of hardware/software donations to give to the schools of this country. If the donation was the same value as that of the proposed hardware/software donations schools would have the right to choose individually how they want to spend the donations. By forcing Microsoft hardware/software onto a school district is doing absolutely nothing to resolve Microsoft's monopoly status. It merely serves to further that status just in a different sector of the economy. It serves to hurt competition in that sector and it serves as a "pat on the back" to Microsoft for doing such a good job as a monopolist. I don't believe that's the message that you're trying to convey at the end of this hearing.

In summary, cash donations only. Not hardware/software.

-Jason

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